

**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**RENEWAL OF  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
(NPDES) PERMIT NO. CA0079898 AND  
CONSIDERATION OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDER  
FOR  
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
NEVADA COUNTY**

The City of Grass Valley (Discharger) owns and operates a municipal tertiary wastewater treatment facility that provides sewerage service to its community of approximately 12,100 in population. Up to 2.78 million gallons per day (mgd) of treated effluent from the advanced-secondary and tertiary treatment system is aerated with a stream-side rock pile diffuser prior to discharge to Wolf Creek, a tributary to the Bear River within the Bear River watershed.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board), held a public hearing regarding the tentative NPDES permit renewal and Cease and Desist Order on 4 December 2008. The Regional Water Board continued the hearing to allow public comments on a subsequent tentative permit, issued on 15 December 2008, addressing concerns regarding salinity effluent limitations and removal of effluent limitations for aluminum, copper and zinc.

On 9 March 2009, the Discharger provided additional information from the Nevada Irrigation District regarding local ordinances prohibiting municipal and domestic supply uses in Wolf Creek downstream of the discharge location. The proposed tentative permit was again modified to include additional rationale regarding the municipal and domestic supply uses in Wolf Creek and to address public comments on the 15 December 2008 Tentative Permit.

A continuation of the public hearing concerning the revised tentative NPDES permit renewal will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 11/12 June 2009  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this continued hearing are as follows:

- Central Valley Regional Water Board Staff
- City of Grass Valley Representatives
- California Sports Fishing Protection Alliance Representatives

Only designated parties will have the following rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the

evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on 8 May 2009. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **11 May 2009**. Written evidence or comments must be limited to the scope of the continued hearing for proposed revisions identified in "underline/strike-out" text in the tentative NPDES permit document. Written evidence of comments outside the scope of the proposed revisions identified in "underline/strike-out" text and/or submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **11 May 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the tentative NPDES Permit should contact Ms. Diana Messina (916) 464-4828 or [dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative NPDES Permit and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.



KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

9 April 2009